THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) According to the Health Information of India 2005, the total number of Government doctors were 76, 925 as against 45, 199 in 2001.

(b) and (c) Funding under Central Schemes is basically towards Central Government hospitals and dispensaries based on their assessed requirement and resoruce availability. No specific study has been undertaken for assessing the satisfaction level of patients in response to quality of services. However, the fact remains that all Central Government hospitals and dispensaries have very high turnover both in respect of extending inpatient and outpatient services.

Ban on advertisement of colas

†511. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ban advertisements of soft drinks on the lines of ban on advertisements of wine and cigarettes;

(b) if so, the final conclusion of Government regarding effect of such soft drinks on health due to their consumption; and

(c) whether foreign soft drinks manufacturing companies have submitted any facts before Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration under PFA Rules, 1955.

(b) and (c) the soft drinks confirming to the standards of carbonated water as laid down under PFA Rules, 1995 are safe for human consumption.

WHO programme on spurious drugs

512. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in an attempt to tackle the menace of fake life saving

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.